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Children with Asperger's 'Born to Stand Out'

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One out of every 68 children are diagnosed with autism and a number of them also have Asperger's. Asperger's, when compared to autism, is generally diagnoses a bit later.

"Second grade that is when it really went downhill socially," said Krista Rice Watkins.

"I do have Asperger's, because I learn differently," said Slade Rice.

Slade is now in sixth grade, but getting there has not been easy.

"It was about second-grade when he was beginning to get bullied," said Rice Watkins, Slade's mom.

"They wanted to kill me and I and I hated that so much," Slade said.

Since he's been a child too much stimulation overwhelms him. With some not understanding Asperger's, has only made it more difficult.

"He only hears about 50 percent of what you're saying. His receptive language is significantly impaired," Rice Watkins said.

works and also uses a cognitive behavioral therapist.

Nearly 50 percent of children with autism have average or above average intellect, and that is certainly is the case for Slade.

"I stand out because I am smart and I know it and I can do more than most kids could," Slade said.

They live by this saying:

"Don't try to fit and you were born to stand out. He's just he's going to be something special I know it, we as we just have to help him get there," Rice Watkins said.

And as for advice from mom:

"Try and try and try again and don't forget, never, never to give up. There's no reason to give up."

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